

**To:** Chairman and Authority Members                      **Date:** January 23, 2004  
**From:** Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director  
**Subject:** **Agenda Item 5 – Presentation of the Draft Program EIR/EIS document**

**Discussion**

After two and a half years of extensive studies, the draft environmental document will be available for public review and comment.

The Draft Program EIR/EIS presents a thorough comparison of alternatives for handling future transportation demands between California's major metropolitan areas. It identifies high-speed trains as the preferred alternative to shape California's transportation future.

The Draft EIR/EIS is the culmination of a decade of research and outreach targeting how best to bring high-speed trains to California.

Staff will present a summary of findings from the draft program EIR/EIS document.